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LAUNCH BIG WARSHIP

OHIO TAKES ITS FIRST DIP IN SALT WATER.

President McKinley Participates in the Ceremonies—Miss Barber Presides Button that Beta Vessel Free—Fifty Thousand Cheers Felt Vessels Event.

At San Francisco, amid the booming of the big guns of the warships, the shriek of thousands of steam whistles and the cheers of 50,000 people, the battleship Ohio at 12:26 Saturday afternoon took its first dip into the sea. Miss Barber, a niece of Mrs. McKinley, pressed the button that released the big hull and Miss Helen Desher of Ohio broke the bottle of champagne and gave to the new fighting machine its name.

Fortunately, Mrs. McKinley's condition permitted President McKinley to attend the launching from the yards of the Union Iron works. To witness the launching of this ship, named in honor of his native State, was the real object of the President's long trip across the continent, and was the event which has attracted to the Pacific coast the Governors of three States, the Ohio congressional delegation, several United States Senators and many other notable and distinguished people.

Dramatic and picturesque as was the sight of 14,000 tons of steel sliding into the full-breasted tide of San Francisco bay, it was not so splendid and magnificent as the great naval pageant which accompanied, nor as profoundly impressive as the greeting extended to the President by the 4,500 employees of the shipyard.

President McKinley arrived from Manila during the day, with a large number of soldiers on board, and as it steamed into the harbor the presidential party, on the Slocum, steamed out to and around the transport. It was but a few seconds before the soldiers, crowding on the rails of the transport, recognized the President, and their enthusiasm at the unexpected welcoming by their President knew no bounds.

The President drove rapidly through the streets and was cheered enthusiastically and in response repeatedly lifted his hat. Arrived at the transport dock, he boarded the government tug Slocum, which was to carry the presidential party and congressional delegation and other favored guests to the scene of the launching at the Union Iron works. Besides the cabinet members and the ladies, there were on board the little vessel Gov. Nash of Ohio and his staff, Miss Barber, niece of Mrs. McKinley, and Miss Desher and her sister.

A great host of every possible description had preceded the President out into the blue waters of the bay, all loaded down to the water's edge with masses of humanity anxious to do the President honor. It was a glorious sight. Flags and bunting streamed from their fastenings in the cool breeze, flags fluted and streamed of national colors trailed in the wind. Hats played popular airs and there was an incessant cheering. Added to the noise which issued from the smaller craft in the bay was the boom of the cannon from several warships anchored in the harbor. All along the water front, the feet of boats were given over to the cheering and salutes were echoed all down the bay.

The Ohio party boarded the steamer Resolute and the United States steamer McDowell conveyed Gen. Shafter and his officers of the post and the women of their party to the scene of the festivities. Barges without number, loaded to their utmost capacity, were towed down the bay by powerful tugs and in and out of the procession steamed the government tugs, bearing Gov. Markham and Governor Irwin, Governor Gage and his staff and other State officials.

President McKinley arrived at the Union Iron works at 10 o'clock. There he found the 3,000 employees assembled in the big yard. The President was greeted with a cheer and was presented a gold plate in memory of the occasion. He spoke briefly to the men, thanking them for the gift and complimenting them on their skill as workmen.

Big Ship Goes Into the Sea.
The ceremonies were simple, but significant. There was the formal exchange of acceptance of the government and then, the tide having reached its flood, the word was given. The bottle of California champagne, depended from the bow by ribbons of red, white and blue blazed into a rope.

At 12:26 Irving M. Scott gave Miss Barber the signal and she touched the magic electric machine. The great lotus shot downward like a flash and severed the cord. The dog shore toppled over of its own weight and the cleverly constructed system of props craved in like a house of cards.

As soon as the launching was over President McKinley boarded the Slocum and hastened back to the dock. He was impatient to be once more at the bedside of his sick wife. Without waiting for the gang plank to be run out he stepped over the rail to the pier, hurried to a carriage in waiting and was driven rapidly to the Scott residence.

BUFFALO FAIR OPENED.

Pan-American Exposition Is Dedicated with Pomp.

Lowering clouds that threatened rain and a wind that blew in stiff gusts marked the opening hours of dedication day at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo. The exposition grounds and the business districts of the city where the military and civic parade formed were the centers that attracted the largest numbers, while the streets and avenues connecting the two swarmed with animated crowds. The street scenes were picturesque.

The military parade formed at the City Hall and the streets radiating from it, and the bands and State commissions and distinguished visitors were received at the main entrance to the municipal building. They were welcomed by representatives of the exposition commission and later escorted to their quarters. The parade moved off at 10:10, a squad of mounted police clearing the way. State troops led, followed by United States artillerymen. The Michigan contingent followed, and then were more militia. Vice-President Roosevelt viewed the column from a carriage.

BODY FOUND IN A CREEK.

Supposed Kidnaper's Victim Had Been in the Water Six Weeks.

The body of Willie McCormick, the New York boy who disappeared some time ago, was found in Cromwell creek, a few blocks from the McCormick home. There were no marks on the body to show violence, but everything indicated that it had been in the water for many weeks. It was fully clothed. Nothing of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the boy is dissipated by the finding of the body. The father of the little fellow and other members of the



WILLIE MCCORMICK.

family are inclined to believe that he was done away with.

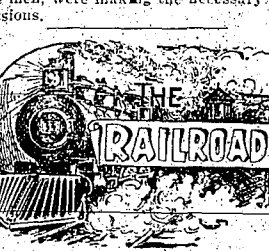
Cromwell creek runs into the Harlem river below McCormick's dam bridge. The tide in the Harlem river runs so strong at that point that little if anything of a heavy nature is floated into the creek. The most reasonable supposition is that the boy was drowned in the creek, or thrown down into the creek, and through all the weeks of search the body lay in the mud at the bottom until it was brought up by the crew of a passing lighter. John Garfield, a bridge tender, found the body.

BIG STRIKE IN EFFECT.

Machinists in All Parts of the Country Quit Work.

The machinists' strike, which threatens to affect every large city in the country, began Monday. The general strike order sent out by President James O'Connell of the International Machinists' Union loaded the power in every front office to call out the men unless they were granted the nine-hour day with the same pay they received for ten hours.

The agitation has been going on for over a year, and the machinists believe the manufacturers will yield to their demands before the strike is universal during the busiest period in the history of manufacturing industries the country has ever seen. More than 100,000 machinists are involved in the struggle, and the amount of capital against them runs into the hundreds of millions. Not fewer than 500,000 workmen are running the risk of being out of work during the fight. Reports received by President O'Connell late Monday indicated that a large number of establishments heretofore holding out against the demands of the men, were making the necessary concessions.



RAILROADS

Work is to be pushed on the Port Wayne-Butler link of the Wabash road. The convention of the Order of Railway Conductors will be held in St. Paul, Minn.

"Across Picturesque Illinois and Iowa" is the title of a pamphlet just issued by the Northwestern road.

Officers of the roads west of Chicago are beginning to oppose the differential fare principle that prevails East.

An order for twenty-five new engines has been placed with the Pullman company. This is in addition to the recent contract for fifty locomotives.

An officer of the Northwestern road says that within forty days the old question of finding enough cars to handle the business will be again presented.

It is reported that Gould will build a road through Louisiana and Arkansas to form a through route between Kansas City and St. Louis and New Orleans.

Three roads have added to the membership of the Western Passenger Association—Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, Burlington and Northeastern and Keokuk and Western. The organization now includes thirty-six roads.

The work of rebuilding bridges on the Nickel Plate line is being pushed. Seven of the more important bridges on the road are now being reconstructed, steel replacing wood and stone being substituted for pile foundations. Grades are being reduced and the roadbed is also being improved.

All but two of the Western roads show decreases in the number of car loads of live stock received in Chicago during the past three months, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The Northwestern and Milwaukee and St. Paul roads each show increases of about 1,500 car loads.

Officers of the Burlington, Santa Fe and Union Pacific lines met in Chicago to perfect plans for the pooling of all government mail business.

At present the fastest trains in England are operated between London and Edinburgh via Newcastle. The distance is 295 miles and the average speed is 52.7 miles per hour.

Six of the Big Four through trains are now equipped with new cars from baggage to sleeping. They are uniform in color and size and of unusual length.

Their appearance is striking and they are attracting considerable attention.

LIKE FLEECE LAMBS.

CONDITION OF MANY INVESTORS IN TEXAS OIL STOCKS.

The Big Companies Can Be Depended Upon to Control the Output—An Immense Amount of Stock Sold Which Is Probably Worthless.

The oil craze in Texas has subsided to such a degree as to cause many people to look into things in a practical manner, and the outlook for the future majority is not very promising. Great fortunes have been made and more will be made, but the small investors will have to pay for them. Among this class are the thousands of widows, seamstresses, clerks, children and students. They have poured their savings into the treasury of some one or more of the speculative oil companies and have had visions of great and expected quick returns. They are sure to be disappointed. Experiences of others in the past in chasing wildcat schemes held forth no lessons or warnings.

Nearly 800 "oil companies" have been organized in Texas during the past month, says a Beaumont correspondent, and it is estimated by a prominent promoter that 90 per cent. of them will never pay a dividend. About 10 out of every 100 have something bordering on the substantial to offer to the public in the way of a speculative investment, but the others have nothing more than a little tract or two of land, bought for a song, which is situated somewhere in eastern Texas, and around which no effort has even been made to find oil. They may strike oil, no one can tell anything about that, but their chances are small, and if they ever do, their stock has been watered until no oil well in the world could pay interest on the investment.

The promoters, however, come out all right for they get big cash bonuses out of the treasury from the funds realized from the sale of stock, so it does not make very much difference to them whether oil is struck or not. Then, there are the heavy salaries of the officers to be paid all the time the stockholder is waiting for the well, if any is ever bored, to get down far enough to even hope for oil. In the meantime it is probable that the small investors are working and saving as best they can to get ready to grasp at some other "bubble" which may be formed from speculative speculations.

Facts and Figures.
It must be remembered that the great majority of the small investors are represented in the small companies. The big companies, the ones which will make the money and control the output, are owned by the people who have plenty of money. They are not likely to be deceived by the small investors.

Most of the other companies are capitalized from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. Their stock is sold way below par and when the promoters get through with the treasury funds but little is left for development purposes. Should these small companies strike oil and should the flow average 100 to 200 barrels a day, which would be a big well as wells go, the question then arises what would they do with the product? The big gushers, even after the pumps are applied, will supply all the fuel oil for which there is a market for many years to come, for it will be a long time before coal will be generally supplanted. The gusher companies will be simply provided with pipe lines and tankage and the smaller companies will be completely at their mercy, even granting that some one big concern does not come in and secure control.

CHICAGO GETS BIG GAMES.

Olympian Contests for 1904 Secured by Western Metropolis.

Chicago has won a big victory by securing the International Olympic games for 1904. The meeting at which the matter was decided was held in the Automobile Club in Paris. It was presided over by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the Frenchman who has been the champion of the games since 1896. The contest was between Chicago, France, America, Holland, Belgium, Sweden and Hungary. When it was announced that Chicago had agreed to put up \$100,000 the delegates of all the other nations gave their unanimous approval of the Western metropolis as the place in which to hold the games.

Chicago has been a strong competitor between Chicago and St. Louis, but President Harper of the Chicago University made the meeting unanimous in favor of Chicago. The objection to bringing athletes so far was solved by the American delegates. Mr. Stanton saying he had reason to believe that the United States would place a government training ship at the disposal of the foreign athletes.

CADETS ARE THROWN OUT.

Five Troublesome Ones Dismissed From West Point.

The Secretary of War has sustained Col. Mills, Superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, in the decision to punish the cadets who rebelled against the authority of the commandant and trained a cannon on his house. Five will be dismissed and six will be suspended for various terms. The other nineteen members of the rebellious class will be given minor punishments. Among the latter class is Cadet MacArthur, son of Gen. MacArthur.

The second class men were also recommended for dismissal, but Secretary Root says that he has taken no action on the proposal. Col. Mills' reports to Washington say that the whole trouble arose out of determination of the authorities to put down hazing.

Plans have been agreed upon for a new Department of Agriculture building at Washington, to cost not exceeding two million dollars. It will be U-shaped, of white marble, four stories high, with a 400-foot front and two wings, each 200 feet long.

MRS. MCKINLEY IS BETTER.

Physicians Now Take Very Hopeful View of Her Condition.

Mrs. McKinley has continued to improve and her physicians are very hopeful. Her condition was so far improved Sunday evening that she was able to sit up a while. During the President's absence at the launching of the battleship Ohio Mrs. McKinley slept quietly. It is learned that the rally, which marked the turning point in Mrs. McKinley's illness came immediately after a treatment on Thursday which included a saline injection directly into the blood. Her pulse showed quick improvement and she has continued to improve ever since. Leading physicians who have been informed of the course of treatment which has been pursued not only entertain the hope but have confidence in the prediction that the patient will have better health in the future than she has had for many years.

President McKinley is in receipt of cablegrams from the King and Queen of England, President Loubet of France and many other European potentates inquiring as to Mrs. McKinley's condition. The President and his wife will go direct from San Francisco to Canton. At Mrs. McKinley's old home, surrounded by familiar faces and with every comfort, it is expected that her recuperation will be more rapid than if she went to Washington. President McKinley spends much of each summer at Canton, and the arrival there will not be far from the date of his regular annual visit. He will probably proceed immediately to Washington after leaving Mrs. McKinley, returning to Canton as soon as the more pressing public business has been disposed of. Miss Mary Barber, Mrs. McKinley's niece, will go with Mrs. McKinley to Canton.

The Ogden route will be taken. The train will be about as large as the one that came West, having accommodations for the President and cabinet and ladies. Secretary and Mrs. Cortelyou, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Assistant Secretary Barnes and the White House staff and eleven members of the press and photographers.

PHILLIPS' CORN CAMPAIGN ENDS.

Wind-Up of the Fight Involving 15,000,000 Bushels of the Cereal.

George H. Phillips' corner in May corn was made a thing of the past on the Chicago Board of Trade Friday. The young man, who sold in the first hour of the session about 500,000 bushels from 54 to 60 cents, and probably as much more the rest of the day. It is generally thought Phillips held a line of corn from 14,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels of corn when his holdings were at the maximum. That included what he bought for May.



PHILLIPS AND HIS MODEST HOME.

July and September deliveries. He had probably 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 bushels for May, and made about 10 cents a bushel profit on 4,000,000 bushels of it sold in the pit.

The Phillips May corn deal is held by old-time members of the Board of Trade, one of the most remarkable speculative feats in the history of the board. Covering a period of about three months, the deal has involved, according to the popular estimate, as much as 15,000,000 bushels, on which it is figured Phillips and his customers have made a profit of about \$750,000. The latter tried to get the deal will cut this down somewhat. The price of May corn advanced from 35 cents to 60 cents. The Phillips holdings are said to show an average profit of 10 cents a bushel, with the exception of the several millions of cash corn which Phillips was obliged to take in on deliveries.

ENDS THE LIVES OF THREE.

Youth at Evansville, Ind., Has a Carnival of Bloodshed.

Murderous hate, inspired by an injustice which he believed had been done to his father in business matters, caused Byert Conway of Evansville, Ind., to kill his neighbor and his neighbor's wife, a fellow woman, a policeman and shoot two other men. In his rage he killed every cow in his neighbor's stable, set the stable on fire and just missed shooting his own father when he tried to interfere. Conway's father was shot by a policeman and he himself was shot by a policeman. Conway shot her and shot himself in the heart. He died instantly.

Brief News Items.

Ohio State Republican convention will be held at Columbus June 15 and 19.

Jeffries and Nathan have matched for a fight in San Francisco during July or August.

A New York joker entered a 10-day bet at a pet stock show and took first prize.

After eighteen years Senator Cockrell has recovered a wallet stolen from him in Philadelphia.

Samuel Karous and Alice Mincer, sheep herders, were injured to death near Six-mile Coulee, Mont.

The Arkansas Legislature has indefinitely postponed a bill to make \$25,000,000 a misdemeanor.

The population of France is 39,228,000, of whom just one-third live in towns of over 6,000 inhabitants.

STATE OF THE CROPS.

WEATHER BUREAU'S WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

Frost in the Lake Region Does Not Slight Injury Corn Growing Well—Winter Wheat in the Lower Missouri Valley Needs Rain.

Although frosts occurred in the lake region, upper Ohio valley and northern portion of the middle Atlantic States, only slight damage resulted, and as a whole the temperature conditions throughout the country during the week were favorable. Drought has been largely relieved in the Southern States, but continues in western and southern Texas, southern Louisiana, and portions of Alabama and Florida, and the continued absence of rain in the central valleys and lake region is proving detrimental, rain being now much needed generally throughout these districts. The Pacific coast States have experienced a favorable week, although it was rather cool, with too much rain in western Washington.

In the States of the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys corn planting has progressed rapidly, and is securing completion in these districts, and planting is well advanced in the lake region, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. Considerable corn remains to be planted in the middle Atlantic States, where this work has been much retarded. In Illinois and Iowa the early planted is coming up to good stands. In the Southern States the crop has been materially improved by recent rains.

Winter wheat is needing rain in the lower Missouri valley, but has experienced further improvements in the upper Ohio valley and Michigan. Wheat is now heading as far north as the middle Atlantic States and the southern portion of the central valleys, and in the latter States where the crop is generally poor. On the Pacific coast the reports continue promising, the crop having experienced a decided improvement in California since recent rains.

Spring wheat is coming up well, and the early sown has made good growth. Oats have been injured by dry weather in the central valleys and in the Southern States, and the condition of the crop is not promising, although materially improved in Georgia. Seeding is about completed in the more northerly districts.

An improvement in the condition of cotton is reported from the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and portions of Texas. The outlook is yet generally poor, but much of the re-planted is not up.

Transplanting of tobacco has begun in Maryland and Virginia, and will begin soon in Kentucky. In Indiana and Ohio plants are nearly ready to set. In South Carolina tobacco is being set in great numbers, and the outlook is somewhat less promising in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, but on the whole continues favorable, although the prospect for apples in some important apple States is not encouraging.

Crop Reports by States.
Missouri—Good showers in western, but drought continues in central and eastern sections; corn growing slowly, cultivation becoming general; cotton well worked, but complaint of hard frosts; wheat doing well in northern, but considerably injured by drought in central and southern counties; oats and meadows greatly damaged in some counties; fruit somewhat less promising.

Illinois—Dry weather with local showers toward end of week; corn in good stand; corn planting nearly completed and early planted up to good stand; some injury by cut worms in central and southern counties; still the same in localities; wheat generally good, but fig and chick-pea causing damage in some localities; corn and sugar beets and potatoes fairly promising; fruit prospects good, but slightly deteriorating.

Indiana—Dry weather with local showers toward end of week; corn in good stand; corn planting nearly completed and early planted up to good stand; some injury by cut worms in central and southern counties; still the same in localities; wheat generally good, but fig and chick-pea causing damage in some localities; corn and sugar beets and potatoes fairly promising; fruit prospects good, but slightly deteriorating.

Michigan—Frost general, damage light; strawberries, early garden truck, and early corn affected; corn in good stand; sugar beets, oats, barley and peas look healthy, but growing slowly; meadows and pastures much improved; corn in good stand; sugar beets, oats, barley and peas look healthy, but growing slowly; meadows and pastures much improved.

Wisconsin—Heavy frosts early in week, damage slight; practically all corn except in few localities, drought becoming serious; corn planting about completed in southern counties; spring grain put in with drill came up nicely and look well, but broadcast sown corn and clover are looking poorly; wheat and rye in good stand; fruit prospects good, but slightly deteriorating.

Ohio—Too cool and dry; slight damage to corn in central and southern counties; corn planting nearly completed and early planted up to good stand; some injury by cut worms in central and southern counties; still the same in localities; wheat generally good, but fig and chick-pea causing damage in some localities; corn and sugar beets and potatoes fairly promising; fruit prospects good, but slightly deteriorating.

King Edward, Aboard the Challenger, Has Narrow Escape.

England well-nigh lost her King Wednesday in the waters of the treacherous Solent. He was aboard Shamrock II, the American cup challenger, when a vicious squall struck her broadside and ripped away her sails, tore out her masts and left her a helpless hulk, tossing on the wind-lashed waves. For a time it seemed that she must founder and sink, so heavy was the gale, but she righted herself after the blast and made the harbor at Cowes in the tow of other boats of the Light fleet.

King Edward was on deck when the wind struck the frail little yacht. He was standing amidstships when the topmast and the mainmast fell about him and the sails swept overhead into the sea. His escape was miraculous.

Longer than an hour Shamrock was at the mercy of the wind and for fear that long old King Edward hung over the edge of the world. When the gale was at its height and the boat was plunging through the big seas, he threw himself prostrate on the deck, clinging to the stump of the mainmast to save himself from being swept overboard.

While the yacht was being manuevered for the start a squall came without the slightest warning, and the bowsprit of the challenger was carried away short. The extra strain thus thrown on the topmast proved too much for the spar. It whipped, broke and dangled off to leeward, carrying the whole weight of the jacks and gear over the side. In a terrible fall, almost as if the topmast fell the great steel mainmast, weighing more than two tons and carrying spars and gear weighing an additional three or four tons, toppled also.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT TO SCOTLAND

Makes Princely Donation for Education of His Former Countrymen.

Andrew Carnegie has given £2,000,000 to establish free education in four Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. He stipulates that the beneficiaries be his "Scotch fellow countrymen" only, no English, Irish, Catholics or foreigners. The fund will apply to medical as well as to commercial education and will be placed in the hands of trustees who will pay the expenses of Scottish students.

The Avalanche.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1900.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Keep the horses off from the streets.

For Doors, Sash, Glass and Putty go to A. Kraus.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Olson returned from a visit to Bay City, Tuesday.

Alabastine in all colors, for sale by Albert Kraus.

Rev. S. G. Taylor with his wife and children, came up Tuesday for a week's visit.

For Fishing Tackles of every description, call at Fournier's Drug Store.

Mrs. L. Fournier returned from her visit to Detroit and the east, yesterday.

Barbed Wire, at the lowest price, at the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

Miss Kathryn Bates was one of the five graduates in the class, at Deaconess, at Grand Rapids, this week.

Call on A. Kraus for the Rambler, Clipper, Hudson and Ideal Bicycles, sold on easy payments.

Judge Sharpe will deliver the Decoration Day address, at West Branch.

A fine line of Fishing Tackle, for sale at reasonable prices, by Albert Kraus.

There are ten cases on the Circuit Court docket, this week, at Gaylord, for violation of the liquor law.

J. C. Marsh, of Gaylord, was visiting friends here a few days, last week.

The ice man has not been very busy this year, as it has not yet been warm enough to melt the ice.

Buy your Garden Hose and Sprinklers at the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

Sheriff Owen took John O'Neil to Konia, Friday, to serve his six months sentence.

Mrs. J. J. Coventry was called to Holly, last week, by the illness of her grand child.

If you want the best Sewing Machine buy the Singer. Sold on easy payments by A. Kraus.

Buy your Poultry Netting at the store of Salling, Hanson & Co.

Subscribe for the Avalanche and the "American Boy." Only \$1.25 a year.

Stops the Cough and works off Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25c.

For SALE—A good work horse, worth the money. Enquire of Barney Kropp.

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Rev. J. J. Willits is holding service at the Protestant Methodist church, every Tuesday evening.

Peter Brown trots out in one of the "Blue Ribbon" Carriages, that is a dandy.

Alonso Cullen has left his clerkship at Fournier's, and gone to running a saw in a mill near Gaylord.

Detroit White Lead Works Paints and Varnishes, guaranteed the best in the market, at A. Kraus.

E. Douglas is rebuilding his residence, putting on a second story and adding to its size. It will make a pleasant home.

Try the new remedy for constipation, Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Every box guaranteed. Price 25c. For sale by L. Fournier.

Chas. Ginnbaugh has his shingle mill at Portage Lake and his saw mill near Roscommon, both running full time.

The best Clover, Timothy, Alsike Clover, and Hungarian Seed, cheap, at Salling, Hanson & Co's.

Miss Alice Brown has been offered a desirable position in the schools at Iron Mountain, but has not decided whether she will accept or not.

If you intend to go fishing, this season, call at Fournier's Drug Store for your tools. He keeps an endless assortment of fishing tackle.

The largest line of Agricultural Implements, including the Ward, Oliver and Greenville Plows, for sale by A. Kraus.

The Planet Jr. Garden Drill is considered the best in the market and is for sale at the Avalanche office, with all the modern attachments.

To Cure A Cold In One Day take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box, 25c.

Those interested in the proposed cement plant, are apparently sure of its materialization.

Coming soon. Schiller Bros. & Orr's Great United Shows. Grayling, Tuesday, June 4th. Prices, adults 25c; children 15c.

Boys, if your father takes the Avalanche, and you want a good paper for yourself, call for a copy of the American Boy.

D. McKay has bought the large house on Cedar Street, occupied by Mr. Shirts, which he will entirely remodel, making of it an elegant residence.

Comrade Stewart Gorton, of Luzerne had taken to himself a wife, Miss Jeanette E. Gaskill, of Lapeer. They were married in that city, the 22d inst.

A miscreant attempted to derail a passenger train near Rondo, one day last week, by placing ties across the track. Report says he has been arrested.

The salt is not yet running over the top of the well, but is rising. At last examination it was within two hundred feet of the top, showing over 2,500 feet of brine.

G. L. Alexander visited the new mills being built by H. C. Ward, and the David Ward estate, in Frederic, the first of the week, and reports them to be first-class plants.

Deputy sheriff Millens, of Frederic is a terror to evil doers. He has made several arrests during the last week. A good lookout is needed there, in which to sober up drunks.

The Mail Telegram, of Mio, says the sheep raisers in that county are unable yet to get their wool off for lack of shearers. Every farmer should be able to shear his own sheep if necessary.

Mrs. Mary Neal, living next door south of the County house, desires work to help support her family. Her husband has gone to Canada, leaving her destitute, and she hears nothing from him.

The corner stone for the foundation of the mammoth mill being built for Salling, Hanson & Co., on the site of the one burned, was laid last Thursday and the work is being pushed by a large force of men.

Mrs. A. Roderic, and Mrs. J. Cowell of Montana, who will be remembered as the "Silly girl twins," have been visiting friends here for a week. They started on their return to their western home, Tuesday.

The post office will be open Decoration Day, 'till 8 o'clock in the morning, and half an hour after the arrival of each mail, to give all an opportunity to get their mail, and give the P. M. force part of a holiday.

On Friday, June 7th, the Ladies of the G. A. R. will give a Strawberry Short Cake Social at the G. A. R. Hall. Supper served from 5 to 9 o'clock p. m. Adults 15c, children, 10c. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Improvements about the village, especially in fences and lawns, are more noticeable this year than ever before. We notice the good work by Postmaster Bates, C. O. McCullough, M. Simpson, J. K. Bates and Arthur Brink.

H. C. Ward was in town, last Friday. He reports over 2000 of his apple trees girdled by mice during the past winter. It is thought the piles of manure about the trees made a harboring place for the rodents. It is a severe loss.

Rev. J. J. Willits was down from Frederic, Tuesday, and says the people are responding so freely in subscriptions for a new church that it will certainly be built. It is needed there, as services now have to be held in the town hall or school house.

The beautiful memorial service of the Ladies Circle of the G. A. R. was held at their hall, Sunday afternoon. A goodly number of soldiers and members of their families were present by invitation. All seemed to enjoy the exercises. It was an object lesson in the vital principle of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

There is one nuisance in our village that should be promptly abated. We refer to horses running at large. One horse can do immense damage to the growing shade trees in one night. Several trees have already been ruined. Our streets are becoming beautiful for shade, and the town board should rigidly enforce the law. Keep horses off the street at all times, and cattle at night.

The lady teachers of our school arranged an informal reception last Tuesday evening, for the pleasure of the visiting teachers, and an opportunity for those interested to get better acquainted, and for all to meet Prof. Pattengill. All patrons of our school were invited, and but one was present. The teachers and those attending the institute, about fifty in number, apparently enjoyed the occasion.

Ice Cream Parlor.

Jons S. Jensen would respectfully inform the citizens of Grayling that he has rebuilt and enlarged the old photograph gallery, opposite the Court House grounds, and opened his parlors for the serving of Ice Cream during the heated term. He will also carry a stock of Candles, Cookies, Extracts, Tobacco and Cigars, and a neat line of Stationery. Everybody is invited to call.

Hon. E. B. Bolton was in town last Friday, attending the teacher's institute as a personal friend of Prof. Bailey. Mr. Bolton has ever been interested in all that pertains to educational matters, and is perfectly at home in the presence of teachers or pupils. He is always welcome in Grayling.

Two nice young men of a scientific turn of mind made an analysis of the marl in School Section Lake, last Sunday. The boat tipped over near the outlet. Imagine, if you can, the damage to their best Sunday suit, to say nothing about their feelings.

It saved his Leg. P. A. Danforth, of La Grange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles it is the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by L. Fournier, druggist.

Sunday afternoon, three beautiful girls, a fine bay horse and top carriage, romantic thought, a drive in the primeval forest, off from the road, horse down in the mud, frantic efforts to extricate the beast, unavailingly, a call for help, which came, and "all is well that ends well," but we will not give the accident away.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future." Recently a gentleman came into the store so overcome with colic pains, that he at once sank to the floor. I gave him at once a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose, and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by L. Fournier.

The Lewiston Journal, last week, replies to the article of Dr. Traver in the Avalanche, in regard to the assault on Dr. Wolfe. His counter charges are very strong, to say the least, but the quarrel in Lewiston should be confined there and we do not care to have a part in it. Our acquaintance with Mr. Fuller has always been very pleasant, and his appearance gentlemanly. Our reference to the affair was for the local interest here in Drs. Wolfe and Traver, who were old residents, and in no way endorsing either side in their controversy.

Beware of a Cough. A cough is not a disease but a symptom. Consumption and bronchitis, which are the most dangerous and fatal diseases, have for their first indication a persistent cough, and if properly treated as soon as this cough appears, are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven wonderfully successful and gained its wide reputation and expensive sale by its success in curing the diseases which cause coughing. If it is not beneficial, it won't cost you a cent. For sale by L. Fournier.

The M. E. Church was well filled last Sunday morning on the occasion of the memorial sermon, as directed by the G. A. R.; Rev. Alexander spoke from the 85th Psalm, "Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other," and from the great lessons of the civil war, drew analogous lessons to be applied to the daily lives of men. Marvin Post G. A. R., the W. R. C. and the Ladies Circle of the G. A. R. were in attendance in a body. The learned discourse and the appropriate music, so finely rendered makes this another day to be cherished in memory.

Miss Morence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Palm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by L. Fournier.

It is reported that State Trespass Agent George Russell, of West Bay City has seized and marked between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 feet of logs skidded on the AuSable and North-western R. R. in Comins township, cut by and from H. M. Lord's Sons Co's land on which the state taxes had not been paid. After the seizure of the logs, Lord went to Lansing and paid the taxes but State Land Commissioner Wiley refused to release the timber. George is a hustler after logs.—Mio Mail.

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We have just received the largest and most complete line of Fishing Tackle ever brought to Grayling. Fishing Rods from 10c up.

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Schiller Bros. & Orr's Great United Shows.

This mammoth amusement enterprise, which is triumphantly and majestically crowning the overwhelming tide of popular favor, will exhibit at Grayling, Tuesday, June 4th. It is one of the largest popular price shows in the world, the climax of tested amusements. Stupendous, popular and positively unequalled, presenting to the public an avalanche of brilliant new attractions, chaste and elegant in conception, moral and refined in tone, unparalleled in daring exploits, electrical in thrilling features, containing the greatest variety ever before presented by any other show. Schiller Bros. & Orr's Great United Shows are pre-eminent and unexcelled. They are up-to-date. A twentieth century organization. Strictly moral and first class. Remember the day and date. Prepare for the coming event, which will be a grand gala day. It is the people's popular show exhibiting at popular prices. Adults 25c; children under 12 years of age, 15c. A huge grand parade and many other free exhibitions.

Biliousness is a condition characterized by a disturbance of the digestive organs. The stomach is belated, the liver torpid, the bowels constipated. There is a loathing of food, pains in the bowels, dizziness, coated tongue and vomiting, first of the undigested or partly digested food, and then of bile. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets allay the disturbances of the stomach and create a healthy appetite. They also tone up the liver to a healthy action and regulate the bowels. Try them and you are certain to be much pleased with the result. For sale by L. Fournier.

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FUTURE OF MEXICO.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS LOOM UP AFTER DIAZ'S DEATH.

The President's Demise Cannot Now Be Long Deferred, and the Specter of Revolution Threatens—Uncle Sam May Have to Take a Hand.

No other country in the world to-day would be affected to as great an extent by the death of its ruler as Mexico. The condition of things in the republic is most peculiar and is interestingly and instructively set forth in the following article by J. D. Whipple. The government of the country, says the writer, is one of benevolent absolutism and imperialism. At its head is a great man, old in years, but young in spirit and hope for his people. He stands forth from the group of those who have led Spanish-Americans as does a giant among pigmies. From the people he rules, he is one of them. He is more than this, however, for while retaining his identity of interest he has grown beyond them in his knowledge of the world's affairs and in his skill in statecraft.

In twenty-five years of rule he has brought a nation forward two centuries in the arts and sciences, but he has failed to teach them how to do without his guiding hand. It may be admitted that one man, no matter how great his power or great his talents, cannot be everything in the building up of a nation to perfection, but perhaps it would have been possible for Gen. Porfirio Diaz to have inculcated the millions of people under his care at least the first principles of self-government. This he has not done, notwithstanding the fact that his position and power have rested during all this time upon a constitutional government in theory. There have been no evil results from this omission, and possibly there would have been had he not supplied it, for a newly awakened body politic is apt to be restless, as we have seen in Cuba.

When a Strong Man Is Needed. There can be but one result, however, when one strong man constitutes



PRESIDENT DIAZ.

himself the government and reserves to himself absolute power in general and in detail. When this man is taken away there is necessarily doubt as to what may come next. If by any chance there is another ready to take his place, ready to assume the reins and drive the wild horses of imperial government with equal skill, then there should be no period of chaos between the falling down of one ruler and the taking up of another. A country is indeed fortunate, however, which finds such men ready to hand when the need presents itself. With all his great personal vigor, his iron constitution and his care for his own life, the time is rapidly drawing near when Gen. Diaz will either be called to join that group of Spanish-American leaders now passed from earth, or else will find the duties of state falling so heavily upon him that he must perforce lay down the burden upon more vigorous shoulders.

If the foreigners who have found their homes and opportunity in Mexico were to have their say the Diaz administration would continue forever. They would be supported in this desire by every Mexican who has benefited by and who takes a pride in the present peace and prosperity which prevail throughout the country.

If the people of Mexico had placed Gen. Diaz at the head of the government by their untrammelled vote and had continued him in each succeeding four years in the same position by the same voluntary expression of opinion as provided for in their constitution the situation would not be so serious. It is a well-understood fact, however, that Gen. Diaz made himself President by military skill, kept himself in power by that same force until he was so strengthened by his commercial alliances, individual and collective, that his position became impregnable.

With the mass of the people not only indifferent to what changes may take place at the head of the government, but incapable, through custom and education, of exercising any voice in the same, the struggle narrows itself down to a group of active schemers, whose importance is relative to the size of their following and their control of dominant forces.

The situation presents two phases. One of these is involved in the sudden taking off of President Diaz, leaving matters to be adjusted by others; another phase is the power which he possesses in case his life should be spared to nominally retire from his office and place someone else in authority, supporting that authority by the same forces by which he now holds control. It is not necessary to speculate upon what might happen in case Gen. Diaz should suddenly be called away. It is enough to say that it would be an appalling calamity, not only to the Mexican people, but for every foreigner who has a dollar at stake in their country. No human power could prevent a greater or less disintegration of the political structure which has been built up by Gen. Diaz and supported by a well-equipped and formidable army commanded by a loyal friend.

The capital would become the scene of a dispute between factions advocating this or that man for the office, and the remote sections of the country would suffer from local disturbances now held in check by a strongly cen-

WILL SWIM LENGTH OF CONNEAUT LAKE.



Miss Marion Christy, aged 16 years, who accomplished the feat last summer of swimming a mile across Conneaut lake, will this year attempt a more daring achievement. It is expected that she will try to swim the length of the lake, which is more than two and one-half miles. A boat will accompany her, in case of accident or any necessity for assistance.

Miss Christy's skill is marvelous for a girl of her age, expert swimmers have declared. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Christy and her home is at Greenville, Pa. She is five feet in height, weighs 140 pounds, rides a bicycle and is an expert bowler.—Chicago American.

tralized government. Northern Mexico is more or less jealous of southern Mexico, and the State of Yucatan, extending far out into the gulf and many miles from the seat of government, has long threatened to take advantage of the first opportunity which presented itself and organize a separate republic.

We Might Have to Interfere. Should the political situation in Mexico lead to any serious disturbance, interference by the United States could hardly be avoided. No other foreign power would be allowed to interfere by the United States, and the responsibility of the latter would necessitate prompt and effective protection of all the vast domestic and foreign interests in Mexico.

There is even to-day a small fraction of the Mexican people in favor of annexation to the United States, but this feeling is far from being general among any one class. Some of the Spanish Catholic priests are friendly to the idea, as they still cherish considerable animosity toward the Mexican republic for its confiscation of church property, and these priests believe that under American rule they



SENORA CARMEN DE DIAZ.

would regain much of what they lost. It is certainly incumbent upon the government of the United States to keep a sharp eye upon the progress of events in Mexico. There have been many unofficial complaints from that country that the United States has underrated the importance of its embassy in the Mexican capital.

WAVE SAVED TWO SHIPS.

Interposed in Time to Prevent a Serious Collision.

Captain Burch of the British ship Cawdor, from Newcastle, N. S., tells of a narrow escape his vessel had from colliding near the Australian coast with the schooner Golden Shore. A hurricane was raging when the ships nearly came together, and a big wave which came along at the opportune moment averted a disaster. The Golden Shore is owned in San Francisco and was lumber laden.

The Cawdor was in ballast, and a gale arose. In a few hours its fury became terrible. Captain Burch soon realized the folly of sailing in such a sea, and every yard of canvas was stripped from the masts. There was nothing to do but drift, and this the ship did for some time. Soon the bare masts of the Golden Shore were in sight, she also drifting rapidly in the storm.

As the ships neared one another their positions became perilous. The terrified crews were unable to control them and looked for nothing but the striking of one or both of the vessels. The Cawdor bore straight down toward the schooner with a force that meant destruction.

But a few seconds more and the vessels would have crashed together had

TAX COLLECTION IN CHINA.

Frauds Perpetrated Upon the People and Upon the Government.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries are objecting, of course, to the amount of indemnity demanded by the powers, and representing that it will cripple the resources of China for years to come; but examination shows that the interest and sinking fund of the capital sum can be easily met with a very elementary reform in the financial system of the empire. An enormous saving can be made by doing away with the tribute rice system. At present two great rice-growing provinces, Anhui and Kiangsu, are obliged to send up to Peking annually something over 1,000,000 tons of rice. This is supposed to be collected in kind from the farmers, but the officials really collect the tax in money, fixing the rate at which the farmers commute at about two and a half times the market price. The required quantity of rice is then bought in the market by the officials, and here the Government begins by losing three-fifths of the money actually paid by the farmers. This rice is then shipped in junks by the Grand Canal and in steamers by the sea route to Tientsin, and 30 per cent is allowed for waste and damage on the way.

A further loss accrues to the Government in that the crews of the junks always take a quantity of general cargo on their own account, on which they pay no duties, the junks being protected by the imperial flag. When it gets to Peking the rice—what is left of it—is put in the imperial granaries and is freely pilfered by the officials, good rice being taken out and old grain, mud, and rubbish of all kinds being substituted. The pensioners of the Government and the troops do not get this rice, as they are supposed to do; they get warrants for a certain quantity, which they are obliged to exchange at the rice shops, where they are given, perhaps, 30 per cent of the face value of the warrant. The ingenious can calculate what the Government would save if it still collected the tax in money in these provinces, and then paid its pensioners and troops in money, allowing them to buy their rice in the open market. A much larger saving could be made if the present system of taxation and distribution of salt were abolished, and the salt were bought by the Government where it is cheapest and sold at the present average price. At present enormous "squeeze" are made by the officials out of salt as well as rice. There will be another great economy to the Government when the link is merged in the duties collected by the imperial maritime customs, as will, it is hoped, be arranged.—Shanghai correspondence London Standard.

FREDERICK LUST IS DEAD.

Composer of "My Rosary" Passed Away in Poverty.

Of thousands who have thrilled to the tender melody of "My Rosary," few know of the pathetic inspiration of the song. It was the last effort of a dying musician, dedicated to a beautiful girl who had brightened his sad life by her sympathy.

Frederick Lust, the composer, came from Germany about thirty-five years ago, pursued then and to his death by the sorrow of a lover's quarrel and separation. In his art he made a splendid success. He became an artist of

Booms in Suicide Mania.

In one of the Philadelphia asylums for the insane there are certain apartments known as "suicide rooms." These are set aside as harbors of refuge for those patients who manifest a strong desire to end their lives. Everything in these rooms is round. There are no knobs or posts to the beds, for the maniac would tie a sheet around any such projection and hang himself. For the same reason there are no gas fixtures and no inside shutters. There are not even door knobs, while the doors themselves are made to open outward. When the men undress their clothes are carefully removed from the room, so that they may not be used for strangling their owners. All the edges of bureaus, the backs of chairs, etc., are carefully rounded, so that there may be no points upon which the inmates might beat their heads. No canes or sticks are allowed in the rooms. The doors are left open at night and a keeper parades incessantly up and down before them.

Tricks of the Mind. In connection with the big brain workers, one of the most curious things is that they are generally to be found by some trivial thing which might be conquered by a child of 8. For instance, one of our present-day writers confessed recently to an English reporter that from his earliest boyhood he has never been able to count anything in threes. All mental calculations he makes either in twos or fours, and he experiences the greatest difficulty in repeating the three-times multiplication table correctly from memory. Almost as curious is the difficulty of a clever north country ex-Mayor, who cannot distinguish between s and z, and constantly misplaces these letters in writing—a falling which has caused him a life-long annoyance. Two public school examination failures last year were due to the word "field" being spelled "feild," and in both cases it was discovered that the inability to spell this identical word had gone against the boys on almost every former examination.

All She Saw.

Detective—Did you see a man and woman driving past here in a dog cart about an hour ago?

Mrs. Blank—Yes.

"Ah, we're getting on the track of them! What kind of a horse was it?"

"They were driving so fast I didn't notice that. But the woman had on a Scotch mobair and wool jacket of turquoise blue, last year's style, with

stitched lines, a white plaid skirt with deep, circular flounces, a satin straw hat, filled and rather flat, trimmed with hyacinths and loops of pale blue tulle, and her hair was done up pompadour. That's all I had time to see."

London Tit-Bits.

Prizes for Fathers.

Steps are being taken to discourage depopulation in Givet, a town in the Ardennes. Hereafter, in all towns of this kind, first fathers of more than three children, and next married men, will be preferred to bachelors. Prizes of 25 francs will be awarded yearly to those parents who have sent the largest number of children to school regularly.

Marry in haste and let your father-in-law repent at leisure.

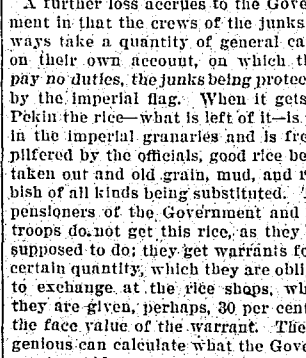
OUTDOOR PANTRY.

Fresh Air Food Safe Conducted in Peculiar Southern Style.

Pantry requirements are a triple paradox, in that they are air and light and darkness. A pantry window is essential, even if it be no more than a tiny two-light sliding sash, set anywhere in the outer wall. A regular window is much better. It need not waste wall-space shelves, but can be placed

across it as to admit its working. But if a pantry can be allotted as much as six feet of house wall it is better to have the window set crosswise, with the lower edge a little more than breast high. Then, by making one sash of glass, and filling the other with wire gauze, the pantry can have a handy outdoor closet. Have a light deal partition running out from the sash division, as far as the space permits. Put shelves around three sides of the two compartments thus formed, and close them with tight light deal doors. Thus the indoor pantry can subserve its proper purposes, and the outdoor closet banish the ice-man for six months in the year.

People with plenty of ground space, yet restricted houses, may profitably take a leaf from the book of south country household economy. It is common there for country folk to have a sort of outdoor fresh-air closet, a small detached structure set in the shallowest place possible, standing upon four tall



A FRESH AIR FOOD SAFE.

legs, with a flat shingle roof of barely enough pitch to shed rain. The door is at least four feet from the ground, and the whole structure hardly big enough to reach well across. There are shelves all around, and the weatherboarding up next the roof is full of tiny auger holes. The door fits tight, and fastens with a lock. Around each of the four legs is commonly a tar bandage, applied six inches above the ground. This traps venturesome ants, spiders and their kindred, thus keeping the inside clear. The structure is whitewashed inside and out twice a year. In hot weather floor and shelves are washed every morning, and scoured twice a week. Such a fixture should not cost over three or four dollars, even if one hires it built, and it is certainly among the handiest things on can have about the house or yard.

"Hats Off" the Rule Abroad.

A railroad contractor who has just returned from abroad tells of an experience that befell him in Munich illustrating the difference in prevailing customs. Armed with a number of letters of introduction to European railroad officials, he made it a point to inquire into the workings of the various systems, and was treated with uniform courtesy.

At Munich he thought he had acquired all the information he was after, and as he passed out of the office of the man with whom he had been talking he put on his hat. He had scarcely been ushered out when it occurred to him that there was one matter about which he had forgotten to inquire.

Immediately retraced my steps," said the Philadelphian, "and again entered the office, neglecting to remove my hat. I saw the same official with whom I had been talking, and, apologizing for taking up so much of his time, I put the question to him.

"Without a word he reached up, took off my hat and placed it in my hand. Then he answered my query and bowed me out. It made me feel rather cheap."

Books of Great Price.

A rare collection of old books and autographs was offered for sale recently by a London auction house. One of the most remarkable of the collection was an argument in favor of Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, printed by Wynkyn de Worde, a pupil of Caxton. Only three other copies of this book are known to be in existence. The first Greek grammar printed in Latin, in 1497, was another of the curiosities of the collection. Tyndale's New Testament, dated 1522, with a picture of Satan with a wooden leg, Cranmer's Bible, printed four years later at Rouen, and Cromwell's act of 1652, putting down bear-baiting and wrestling on Sundays are equally of interest. Autographs of Pitt, Fox, Burke, Warren Hastings, Voltaire, and King Edward VII. were included.—London Daily Mail.

A Cautious Millionaire.

Mr. Midas (about to make a will)—In disposing of my estate, while I am anxious that my son shall have the benefit of a goodly share of it, I do not wish him to become possessed of it in bulk.

Lawyer—Excuse me for saying it, but the inference of that instruction seems to do your son injustice. He has always seemed to me to be a young man absolutely free from any tendency to dissipation.

Mr. Midas—Very true, but you cannot tell to what channel ambition for notoriety may lead him; he may take into his head to become a United States Senator.—Richmond Dispatch.

American Footwear.

American-made boots and shoes are driving British-made goods out of Australia and the British colonies in the East and West Indies and Africa, where they have always had a monopoly.

Improving Grand's Tomb.

The grounds around Grand's tomb at Riverside are to be beautified. The trees will be planted, the steep embankment terraced and asphalt walks laid.

Texas Oil-Pipe Line.

A pipe line will be built in the oil belt of Beaumont, Texas, with a company backing it for \$10,000,000.

The average girl is engaged so many times that the engagement ring simply serves instead of a thread to remind her.

THE NAZARETH OF TO-DAY.

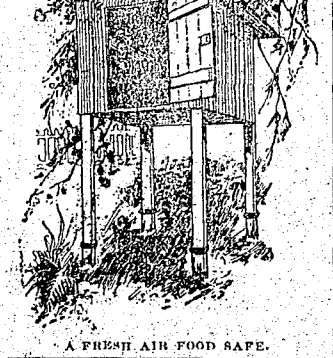
A Description of the Village Where Jesus Once Lived.

Dr. N. K. Jamel, a native of Palestine, now in this country, but who has lately revisited his own land, has furnished this interesting description of Nazareth as it is to-day:

"As the town is approached from the south, it presents a very pretty sight nestled among the brow and slope of a hill, facing directly east, and the spotless white buildings looking refreshingly picturesque. The quaint, old-looking dwellings with their flat roofs are here and there interspersed with red-tiled slanting-roofed buildings—the tiles fresh from the factories of Marseilles, France. As Oriental cities go, Nazareth is remarkably clean and healthy; in fact, all who visit the town are loud in their praises on that score.

"During harvest time, between June and August, the first sight that meets the eyes of whoever enters the town from the south is a great thrashing floor. This is a perfectly-level twenty-acre piece of ground, where the newly-reaped crops of wheat, barley and lentils are gathered in sheaves and piled in separate heaps, each being of larger or smaller proportions, according as it represents an individual farmer's harvest returns for the season. As the sheaves stand thus, they are ready for thrashing, which process is performed by leveling off the border of the pile to a depth of one foot and a width of five to six feet. Then horses, asses or mules are driven or ridden, singly or in pairs, round and round the heap, grinding and trampling under foot the grain out of the ears and the stalks into chaff until the heap is thoroughly thrashed. It is then gathered up and removed separately, and another part of the heap is leveled off for the thrashing process. This is kept up until all the heap is done, when the newly-thrashed pile is fit for winnowing. This work is very tedious, as in fact are all the various departments of field labor in Palestine, for the farmers are destitute of every vestige of machinery or labor-saving apparatus that are used by more fortunate peoples. In spring the thrashing-floors afford unsurpassed facilities for camping, on account of their being securely sheltered from all winds by the surrounding hills and elevations. Anybody who has witnessed the hardships of camp life during wind and storm will appreciate a sheltered spot.

"The common belief in other lands is that snow never falls in the Holy Land. This, however, is not the case. The winters are occasionally quite severe in Palestine, and heavy snow-storms are nothing unusual in the elevated parts of the country. The brow of the hill on which stands the Nazareth Orphanage is nearly 1,700 feet above sea level."



A FRESH AIR FOOD SAFE.

HEAD OF ST. LOUIS FAIR. Choice of Ex-Governor Francis Is Generally Commended. Ex-Gov. David R. Francis has been chosen President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition board. The choice of Ex-Gov. Francis for this important position is generally commended. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of St. Louis and of the State of Missouri, whom he has often served

EX-GOV. D. R. FRANCIS.

In official capacities. In 1885 he was elected Mayor of St. Louis and in 1888 was chosen Governor of Missouri, which office he held for four years. On the retirement of Hoke Smith from President Cleveland's cabinet Sept. 1, 1896, Mr. Francis was appointed Secretary of the Interior and continued in office until the end of Mr. Cleveland's term. Mr. Francis is 50 years old.

Invented the Trolley.

It is claimed for John C. Henry, who died the other day in Denver, that he was the inventor of the overhead trolley system.

head trolley system, which has revolutionized urban transportation in the United States and all over the world. It was in Kansas City, in 1883, that he built the first overhead electric road. All previous efforts had been directed to the construction of underground roads, which have not proved successful. Among his improvements were the methods for stringing wires around curves and of managing the trolley by means of a rope. Before that time it had been necessary to keep a man on the top of each car to handle the trolley. After perfecting the Kansas City line he went to California, where he installed several lines, afterwards becoming the chief expert for the Central Electric Company in New York City. In 1894 his health broke down, and he was forced to retire from active work. Within the last few months he has perfected inventions which have been sold for more than \$100,000 and he leaves to his wife and family an ample fortune.

French Submarine Boat.

France has fourteen submarine boats built or completing, and eight more projected.

A wise man never counts his checks before they are cashed.

FLASHES OF FUN.

The Kentucky Tailor—What size will you have these hip-pockets—plut or quart?—Yonkers Statesman.

The Woman—Doctor, I have an awfully tired feeling. The Doctor—Ah! Let me see your tongue.—Brooklyn Life.

"Have you heard the story of the onion?" asked Waffles of Pettigrew. "No? Well, don't breathe it to a soul."—Cleveland Spectator.

Little Edith Parkville—Ma! Mrs. Parkville—What's the matter? Little Edith—Parkville—Charlie is lying on the sofa, and he's got his head on one of the pillows.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Not for His Health: Hubbubs—Why are you moving from your suburban home? Subbubs—I am all run down. Hubbubs—Malaria? Subbubs—No; gonorrhea neighbors.—Philadelphia Record.

How to Dine Well: He was hungry and in funds. "Waiter, here's a dollar. Now suggest a good dinner for me. Waiter (in a serious whisper)—Go to some other restaurant, sir.—Philadelphia Times.

"No, I won't give you a piece of my apple," snapped his sister. "And who was it?" the boy inquired, reproachfully, "that spoiled the plan so you didn't have to practice for a week?"—Philadelphia Times.

Willie (crying)—Mamma—hoo-hoo!—Joe hit me with a great big brick. Boohoo! Mamma—And what did you do to him, dear? Willie—I hit him gently with that same little brick he threw at me.—Harper's Bazar.

Bobbs—Old Tittewadd is about dead from insomnia. Says he is afraid to go to sleep. Dobbs—Does he fear boggers? Bobbs—No; but the last time he slept he dreamed of giving away his money.—Baltimore American.

First Long Island Hen—Wing a studious young rooster Mr. Plymouth is always burning the midnight oil.

Second Long Island Hen—Well it is hereditary with him. You know his mother was a kerosene incubator.

"I didn't know Bragg was a publisher." "A publisher? Who told you he was?" "He did. He said he was a disseminator of light literature."

"Huh! He's a bill clerk in the employ of the gas company."—Philadelphia Press.

Little 4-year-old Harry had been whipped by his father for telling a falsehood, and he ran to his mother for consolation. "When I was your age I never told a falsehood," said his mother. "When did you begin, mamma?" asked Harry.—Tit-Bits.

"What is the use of a man's getting into a crowd and yelling, as he does, a base-ball game?" "Great heavens!" to do it in a crowd. If he were to go away by himself and yell in that manner they would have him in a lunatic asylum in less than a week."—Washington Star.

After the Supreme Court Decision: Excited Man (at long-distance telephone)—I want to talk to Fargo, N. D. (Voice from central station)—You'll have to wait a few minutes. Line's busy. Twenty-seven other husbands are trying to tell their wives to come home.—Chicago Tribune.

Tess—He's awful handsome, don't you think? Jess—Handsome is that handsome does. He had the impudence last night to tell me that he was going to kiss me the first chance he got, and— Tess—Weren't you indignant, though? Tess—I should say. He didn't keep his promise.—Philadelphia Press.

Disadvantage of Strange Surroundings: Mrs. Bingo—You are perfectly welcome to another piece of cake, Willie, but I am afraid it will make you sick. Your mother told me particularly to give you but one piece. Willie Simpson—That's all very well, but I don't know where the pantry is here.—Leslie's Weekly.

"I would give you my seat, sir," said the fair young girl to the pale man who was hanging to a strap in the street car, "but I'm very tired. I have sat through a matinee performance of Rantem, the actor." "Never mind, madam," said the pale man, taking a fresh grip on the strap. "I am Rantem, the actor."—Baltimore American.

Lacked Reciprocity: "I haven't much use for Bithersley," said the proud papa. "Why," asked the proud mamma, "I listened to him for an hour to-day while he told me about what his baby had said, or tried to say, and just as I was about to tell him about ours he left me, saying he had to catch a train."—Baltimore American.

Early Rising: "Pat," said the manager to one of his workmen, "you must be an early riser. I always find you at work the first thing in the morning." "Indeed, and O! am, sir. It's a family trait, O'm thinking." "Then your father is an early riser, too?" "Me father, is it? He rises that early that if he went to bed a little later he'd meet himself getting up in the morning."—Tit-Bits.

Not His Business to Inquire: "Uncle," said the dusty pilgrim, "how far is it to Sagetown?" "Bout a mile and a half," replied the farmer. "Can't I ride with you?" "Sartin! climb in!" At the end of three-quarters of an hour the dusty pilgrim began to be uneasy.

"Uncle," he asked, "how far are we from Sagetown now?" "Bout four mile and a half." "Great grief! Why didn't you tell me we were going away from Sagetown?" "Why didn't you tell me you wanted to go there?"—Chicago Tribune.

No Room for Doubt. "You speak with great positiveness about the sincerity of our friend's religion."

"There can be no doubt whatever of his sincerity," was the answer. "Why, sir, that man would rather go to church on Sunday than play golf."—Washington Star.

There are not many people smart enough to tell the difference between a lundoo and a masool.

A man never misses religion more than when writing a letter of condolence to a woman.

PERIODS OF PAIN.

How Three Women Found Relief.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to have been the plan of nature that woman should suffer so severely. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough female regulator known to medical science. It relieves the condition which produces so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its terrors.

The three letters here published should encourage every woman who suffers:

Aug. 6, 1898.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered since the age of sixteen with painful menstruation. I have been treated for months, and was told that the womb had fallen a little. The doctor says that it is now in place again, but I still have the same pain. Please tell me what to do."—Mrs. EMMA KUEHL, 112 Trautman St., Brooklyn, E. D. N. Y.

Jan. 10, 1899.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—After receiving your reply to my letter of Aug. 6 I followed your kind advice, and am glad to tell you that I have been cured of the severe pain at time of menstruation through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have taken six bottles of it, felt better after the first bottle, and after a while had no more pain or womb trouble."

"I had doctored from the age of sixteen to twenty-six, and had lost all hope, but your medicine has made me well."

"I would like to have you use my testimonial, so that others may see, and be inspired with hope, and take your medicine."—Mrs. EMMA KUEHL, 112 Trautman St., Brooklyn, E. D. N. Y.

Feb. 20, 1900.
"I saw your medicine so highly recommended I thought I would write to you for advice. My menstruation occurs every two weeks, lasts a week, and is painful. I have been troubled in this way for some time. I suffer from sick headache and backache all the time, especially during the period."

"If there is anything about your case about which you would like special advice, write freely to Mrs. Pinkham. No man will see your letter. I can surely help you, for no person in America has such a wide experience in treating female ills as she has had. She has helped hundreds of thousands of women back to health. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free. You are very foolish if you do not accept her kind invitation."

\$5000 REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000 which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's consent or permission. LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

Discovery of the Philippine Islands.
The Philippine Islands, which for two years have held such an important part in American history, were discovered by Ferdinand Magellan, or, as the Spaniards spelled it, Magalhães, on the 12th of March, 1521. Magellan, you know, is credited with being the first man who sailed around the world. The fact is Magellan did not live to circumnavigate the globe, but his ship completed the wonderful voyage, and so the same end was accomplished. Emperor Charles V. was on the throne of Spain when Magellan sailed away. He passed through the Straits of Magellan at the southern point of South America, and after crossing the Pacific ocean reached the great group of islands later known as the Philippines. Magellan named the group the St. Lazarus Islands. He effected a landing on an island south of Luzon, but the natives made a fierce resistance. In the battle which followed Magellan was killed. His men took up their voyage again and in time reached Spain.

Spain did not take possession of St. Lazarus Islands until 1565. Philip II. was Emperor then. Philip was the man who tried to conquer England by means of the great armada, and who failed so terribly. A fleet of ships was sent to St. Lazarus Islands from the west coast of Mexico, and the name of the archipelago was changed to the Philippine Islands in honor of Philip II. Spain held the islands continuously until they were taken by the United States.

A Soulless Community.
A young clergyman, just arrived at the locality of a first call, met at the railway station a boyhood acquaintance whom he had not met since they were playmates together in a remote town. After a handshake and mutual expressions of pleasure at the unexpected meeting the newly found friend exclaimed:

"But, say! What on earth are you doing in this part of the world?"

"Me?" enthusiastically replied the ecclesiast, "I have come here to save souls."

"You have, eh?" was the response. "Well, let me tell you I've been long enough in this town to know that you've struck a shrewd one."—Boston Courier.

At the Tailor's.
"Isn't that soldier a wonderful piece of art? One-half of the figure is painted, the other half stuffed, and it looks like life."

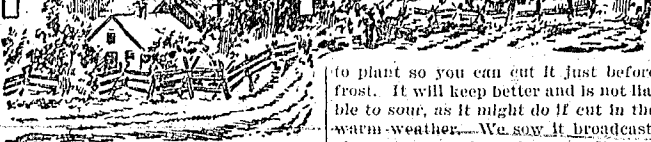
"That's painting. Look at my wife. She's half painted, half stuffed—and lives."—Mogendorfer Blatter.

Gratitude.
"Flippin—Was young Tucker grateful for the loan of that fifty?"

"Snipper—Oh, very; he said he never could repay me."

The world's annual crop of tea is said to be about 450,000,000 pounds. Of the Great Britain uses 184,000,000 pounds per annum.

FARMS AND FARMERS



Sizes of Seed Potatoes.
We have always obtained better results from the use of seed potatoes without the size of a hen's egg—or as near that as we could judge—by the shape of the potato, and cut in halves, as from any seed we had and we have tested them against larger ones cut in halves and in quarters, against smaller ones—used whole and against pieces cut to two eyes each. Yet the pieces of two eyes were so nearly equal that we would use that method if the seed cost a high price, by which we do not mean the early price of the Early Rose at a dollar a pound, but if they cost \$3 a bushel. But the potato of that size, scarcely marketable, unless there was a season of scarcity, is as well matured as the potato that weighs a pound, and we think throws as strong a shoot and produces as much. We never made a test by comparing the use of pieces of large potatoes against pieces of about equal weight of the smaller ones, and to learn anything from such a test one would need to continue it for a term of years, using the largest from the largest seed each time. It might be well after selecting as we would, for some years, to change to pieces from the large ones for a season, but we are not sure of it.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

Sowing Clover Seed.
The Department of Agriculture says there are 17,850,000 clover seed in a bushel, which would be 297,000 in a pound. There are 43,500 square feet in an acre, so that one pound would furnish about 6 1/2 seeds to the square foot. And yet we are afraid to advise a farmer to use less than eight or ten pounds per acre, giving fifty-four seed to the square foot, and yet if every seed grew, the small number would place the plants close enough together to produce a good crop. The extra seed, or seven-eighths of the seed cost, is the price you pay for not having well-cleaned, plump seed, and the land in such condition that each one will have a fair chance to germinate and grow.

Parents for Mice Cows.
The Harpiss is probably one of the best roots ever grown for mice cows. It has a great advantage in that it may remain in the field until spring when other roots are all gone, and then the seed will grow as the grass. It is as easily grown as the carrot, and like that root it wants a deep, rich and well-ventilated soil. Many objects to growing it in the garden, because the weeds are apt to get such a growth before the parsnips come up that the labor of weeding is greatly increased, but this may be remedied by mixing a few radish seed with the parsnip seed, which will come up so that the rows can be seen and weeded out long before the parsnips are up. They can be pulled when the parsnips are thinned.

Keeping Country Boys at Home.
The drift of rural population to cities has long been a characteristic of recent times. Every census in recent years both in this country and in Europe has shown the vastly greater growth of cities as compared with rural regions. If there were wider intelligence among farmers in feeding the ambition of the young, if they were to give their children something that they might improve by industry, something that would stimulate ambition and awaken pride, there would in all likelihood be less discontent with country life and less of longing for the untold and unknown life of the city.—Indianapolis News.

Cutting Asparagus.
The question of the propriety of cutting all or certain asparagus shoots as rapidly as they appear and for a long time has been a subject of discussion. It is well known that the cutting away of all a plant's growth has a weakening tendency—at least, a weakening tendency, most gardeners cut all growth during the first half of the season. But a correspondent recommends leaving all the very light growth, that it may strengthen the plants for the following season, and only cutting that which is strong.—Mechan's Monthly.

Time to Sow Tobacco Seed.
There seems to be a general rule for sowing tobacco seed in each State with reference to the frosts which are likely to occur in the spring. Seed beds should be planted from six weeks to two months, according to the variety of the seed, before the latest date at which killing frosts have occurred in the locality. This is for domestic seed. Imported Cuban seed should be planted a month later and imported Sumatra six weeks later than acclimated seed.

Don't Spray Fruit Trees in Bloom.
Professor Beach recently discussed before a beekeepers' convention the spraying of fruit trees when in full bloom. Generally speaking, his conclusion seemed to be that spraying during blooming time was not only wasteful, but decidedly harmful as well, cutting down the supply of fruit to an extent that, if generally practiced, would amount to thousands of dollars to the fruit men all over the state.

Signs of a Good Dairy Cow.
The bigger the belly the better. Udder should be well balanced and large, not too fleshy, with milk veins tortuous and elastic. A cow which stands in the stall with her fore legs wide apart, nearly out of joint at the shoulders, is pretty sure to be a continuous milker.

Farm Notes.
The market for American apples is now worldwide. Interest in farming is undoubtedly reviving in New England. Don't sow alfalfa seed on unprepared soil as you do clover. If it falls with you, manure the land and try again. The family horse should be raised and trained on the farm. Then you thoroughly understand his disposition and know how far he can be trusted.

The application of sulphur to soils for the prevention of potato scab regardless of the character of the soil is liable to occasionally cause much injury.

Borden's mixture has been found of value in stimulating tomato plants to more rapid growth; increasing their vigor and of particular merit in keeping down the attacks of flea beetles.

Twenty thousand mutton sheep are being fattened at Rocky Ford, Colo., on beet pulp, with a little corn added. There is another "waste product" being utilized—turned into mutton.

Forgetting on Fodder.
We grow the ground in the spring after corn planting, says a Kansas correspondent in Prairie Farmer. The latter part of June is soon enough, because if you sow too early it will get ripe and you will have to cut it in the warm weather of August. It is better

to plant so you can cut it just before frost. It will keep better and is not liable to sour, as it might do if cut in the warm weather. We sow it broadcast, about two bushels to the acre. Be sure and sow it thick or it will grow big, rank stalks, which will be hard to handle and stock will not eat so well. We aim to feed it out before Christmas or before it freezes too much. Of course, if it is fine, say like millet, it will keep just as good as any hay. We usually cut it with a mowing machine, rake it, put it in big shocks and feed from the shocks just as needed. As it will keep just as well as if stacked, for if it is coarse and rank the stalks will have lots of juice in them and will not keep if stacked. Sorghum fodder is splendid for all kinds of stock. Hogs will eat it with a relish; cattle and horses like it also.

To Keep Milk Cool.
A correspondent of Harpiss's Dairyman gives a plan for a combined larder and cooling chamber. The cooling chamber is partitioned off in such a manner that it has ice on top and

title poor, sick at stomach every morning, everything I eat hurts me, am very weak, thin, and sorrowful. I have tried a doctor, but he did not seem to do me any good."—Miss MAGGIE POLLARD, 319 So. 4th St., Richmond, Va.

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One Cent at Intervals.
If given one cent, at intervals, no one need starve in New York. All who are hungry are fed and cared for at the St. Andrew's coffee-stands, provided they have one cent. Many persons buy a dollar's worth of the 1-cent tickets and distribute them whenever demands are made upon their charity. A man who gets a 1-cent ticket may take it to a stand, and have his coffee of this bill of fare: Half pint of coffee with milk and sugar and one slice of bread, one cent; beef soup, with vegetables and one slice of bread, one cent; pork and beans, one cent; fish cakes one cent; sandwiches, one cent; Fried eggs, fish chowder, one cent.

A Familiar Conquest.
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